

The March 10, 2019 meeting of the Friends of the Salem Library was called to order by President John Spruhan.

Fifteen were in attendance.

The secretary read the minutes of the January meeting which were approved as read.

The treasurer gave his report. He noted that we had received \$32.00 from Amazon Smiles and two \$1,000.00 donations. He also commented that he had combined printer lease and overage costs in his printed report. On his report through the end of February our closing balance was \$43,341.16.

OLD BUSINESS

We received a report on recent Library events. New programs include children's rock painting, a monthly program involving nature, STEM, etc. and a board game program for teens. Outreach programs included visits to a lunch at Salem Presbyterian, St. Annes's Preschool, Wesleyan Preschool, and G.W. Carver Elementary.

The new mobile printing app is in use. Around 50 attended the first Sensory Night event. There are several groups involved in this program. There is a new Children's Garden sign. A new yoga program had 20 at the first session. There is a new South Salem afterschool activities program. New area library cards were to be unveiled at an event at the Taubman.

A moon viewing program is scheduled for March 23. It will take place no matter what the weather since a speaker is involved. A new Adult Reading Challenge has begun. The new furniture is expected soon. Most of this purchase was funded by the City of Salem. We also heard about possible plans for the Mezzanine.

Lydia Spruhan told us about a Mystery and Thriller Book Club moderated by Cheryl.

John Spruhan complimented Charlie Draper on the last news letter. Charlie said the next one would come out in August with more details at the July meeting. He also apologized to Lydia for a problem with her name in the last issue.

Ken Sosnowski commented on the change in the format of the address labels and said we have about 100 boxes of books in storage for the sale. He is picking up part of the leftover books from a sale scheduled at Our Lady of Nazareth. He hopes to get something about donations in the Salem Times Register and the Senior News to encourage donations during spring cleaning.

NEW BUSINESS

Janis Augustine moved we appropriate \$350.00 for our annual donation to the Virginia Library Association. The motion was seconded and passed.

Annie Tripp requested funds for the Summer Reading Program and other programs. She spoke to the high levels of past participation and the enthusiasm for the donation part of the reading program which we have helped fund. The specific funding requests are as listed below:

Summer Reading Program - \$4,200.00

Seed Library - \$500.00

Art Show - \$500.00

Mindfulness Workshop - \$100.00

Board Books Display Unit - \$375.00

The total amount requested is \$5,675.00.

Charlie Draper moved we appropriate \$5,675.00 to fund the requests outlined above. The motion was seconded and passed.

Members are reminded of the Art Show we sponsor in May.

The next regular meeting of the Friends will be Sunday, July 14, 2019. Sara Ahalt reminded board members to remain for the board meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

Susan Ahalt, Secretary